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REGULATION OF MOBILE HANDSETS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to regulate the manufacture, import and sale of mobile handsets in view of its increasing use for triggering explosive devices through remote control; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) The Government has no proposal to regulate the manufacture and sales of mobile handsets. With a view to ensure security, the Government has notified to Customers to allow import of mobile handsets after declaration of International Mobile of Mobile handsets after declaration of International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) numbers only. Department to Telecommunications has also directed to all the Cellular Mobile Service Providers to make provision of authentications on mobile handsets with IMEI number for GSM network and Electronic Serial Number (ESN) for CDMA network.

(b) Does not arisle in view of (a) above.